

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHIDI JOACHIM EKE,

Plaintiff,

v.

RUBEN GUERRERO, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:25-cv-1236-JDP (P)

ORDER

Defendants Ruben Guerrero, Milton Pham, and Nicole Monroe, officers with the Elk Grove Police Department, removed this action from Sacramento County Superior Court on April 30, 2025. ECF No. 1. Plaintiff is a state inmate proceeding pro se in this civil rights action, in which he alleges defendants committed varying constitutional violations. *Id.* at 90-117. This action appears to share a common set of facts with other cases currently pending in the Eastern District. Accordingly, I will direct defendants to file an explanation as to whether this case should be related to the other cases.

Plaintiff currently has three other actions pending in this district. First, *Chidi Joachim Eke v. State of California, et al.* (“*Eke I*”), E.D. Cal. Case No. 2:24-cv-1227-CKD. Therein, plaintiff alleges that Deputy District Attorney Chris Ore, Deputy District Attorney Stephanie Aarseth,

1 Deputy District Attorney Lauren Giles, Guerrero, Pham, Monroe, and Sacramento County Sheriff
2 Jim Cooper violated his First, Fourth, Fifth, Six, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendment rights. *Eke*
3 *I*, ECF No. 29 at 5. His claims hinge on allegations that those defendants conducted an improper
4 search and seizure of his personal property, unlawfully arrested him, prosecuted him, and
5 detained him bail based on false charges. *Id.* at 6-18.

6 Next, *Chidi Eke v. Jim Cooper* (“*Eke II*”), E.D. Cal. Case No. 2:25-cv-1089-SCR, where
7 plaintiff alleges that, following the illegal arrest addressed in *Eke I*, Sheriff Cooper unlawfully
8 obtained plaintiff’s DNA, and his personal property was unlawfully searched and seized. *Eke II*,
9 ECF No. 1-2 at 2. He also contends that during his alleged unlawful detainment, he suffered
10 cruel and unusual punishment. *Id.* at 3-4.

11 Third, *Chidi Eke v. Chris Ore, et al.* (“*Eke III*”), E.D. Cal. Case No. 2:25-cv-1091-AC.
12 Plaintiff alleges that Ore, Giles, and the State of California violated his First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth,
13 and Fourteenth Amendment rights. *Eke III*, ECF No. 1 at 9-11. These allegations also relate to
14 the allegedly false arrest and detainment that are outlined in *Eke I*.

15 Defendants in these cases believe that the cases involve the same parties and are based on
16 the same set of claims, and that these cases should be related and consolidated. *See Eke I*, ECF
17 No. 30; *Eke II*, ECF No. 3; *Eke III*, ECF No. 3.

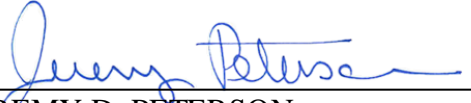
18 In the current case, plaintiff alleges that Guerrero, Pham, and Monroe violated his First,
19 Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendment rights when they conducted an illegal search and
20 seizure of his personal property, arrested him, assisted in his prosecution, and detained him. ECF
21 No. 1 at 102. These allegations appear to stem from the same set of facts underlying *Eke I*, *Eke*
22 *II*, and *Eke III*. Yet, defendants in this case have not filed a notice of related cases. As such, I am
23 ordering defendants to explain whether the current case should also be related to the other cases.

24 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that within twenty-one days from the service of this
25 order, defendants must file a response explaining whether the current case should be related to
26 *Chidi Joachim Eke v. State of California, et al.*, E.D. Cal. Case No. 2:24-cv-1227-CKD, *Chidi*
27 *Eke v. Jim Cooper*, E.D. Cal. Case No. 2:25-cv-1089-SCR, and *Chidi Eke v. Chris Ore, et al.*,
28 E.D. Cal. Case No. 2:25-cv-1091-AC. Plaintiff may, if he chooses, file a response to defendants

1 filing within fourteen days.

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3 IT IS SO ORDERED.

4 Dated: June 12, 2025


JEREMY D. PETERSON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE